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Grades	Grade names and specifications
X3D	Good Dark-brown Lugs. Medium to heavy body, ripe, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4D	Fair Dark-brown Lugs. Medium to heavy body, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5D	Low Dark-brown Lugs. Thin to heavy, mature, open, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3M	Good Mixed Color or Variegated Lugs. Thin to heavy, ripe, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4M	Fair Mixed Color or Variegated Lugs. Thin to heavy, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5M	Low Mixed Color or Variegated Lugs. Thin to heavy, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3VF	Good Greenish Medium-brown Lugs. Medium body, mature, firm, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4VF	Fair Greenish Medium-brown Lugs. Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5VF	Low Greenish Medium-brown Lugs. Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3G	Good Green Lugs. Medium to heavy body, mature, firm, weak, lean in oil, dull finish, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4G	Fair Green Lugs. Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5G	Low Green Lugs. Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, weak, dull finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.2665 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group except Scrap.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
N1L	First Quality Light Colored Nondescript. Thin to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1D	First Quality Dark Colored Nondescript.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Medium to heavy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1GL	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript from the C or B Groups 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N1GX	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript from the X Group 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2	Substandard Nondescript. Nondescript of any group or color; over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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§ 29.2666 Scrap (S Group).

A byproduct of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
S	Scrap. Tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or the web portions of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

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SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

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6 Grades of Wrappers

A1F	A3F	A2D	A3D
A2F	A1D		

19 Grades of Heavy Leaf

B1F	B1D	B3M	B5VF
B2F	B2D	B4M	B3G
B3F	B3D	B5M	B4G
B4F	B4D	B3VF	B5G
B5F	B5D	B4VF	

24 Grades of Thin Leaf

C1L	C2F	C3D	C3VF
C2L	C3F	C4D	C4VF
C3L	C4F	C5D	C5VF
C4L	C5F	C3M	C3G
C5L	C1D	C4M	C4G
C1F	C2D	C5M	C5G

24 Grades of Lugs

X1L	X2F	X3D	X3VF
X2L	X3F	X4D	X4VF
X3L	X4F	X5D	X5VF
X4L	X5F	X3M	X3G
X5L	X1D	X4M	X4G
X1F	X2D	X5M	X5G

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5 Grades of Nondescript				
N1L	N1D	N1GL	N1GX	N2
1 Grade of Scrap				
S				
Special factors "U", "W", "S" and "SF" may be applied to all grades. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated "No-G."				
Standard Sizes Applicable				
A1, A2, A3				2, 3
B1, B2, B3, B4, B5				1, 2, 3
C1, C2, C3, C4, C5				1, 2, 3

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KEY TO STANDARD GRADEMARKS

§ 29.2696 Key to standard grademarks.

Groups

A—Wrappers.
B—Heavy Leaf.
C—Thin Leaf.
X—Lugs.
N—Nondescript.
S—Scrap.

Qualities

1—Choice.
2—Fine.
3—Good.
4—Fair.
5—Low.

Colors

L—Light brown.
F—Medium brown.
D—Dark brown.
M—Mixed or variegates.
VF—Greenish medium brown.
G—Green.

OFFICIAL STANDARD GRADES FOR BURLEY TOBACCO (U.S. TYPE 31 AND FOREIGN TYPE 93)

SOURCE: Sections 29.3001 through 29.3182 appear at 24 FR 8771, Oct. 29, 1959, unless otherwise noted.

DEFINITIONS

§ 29.3001 Definitions.

As used in these standards, the words and phrases hereinafter defined shall have the indicated meanings so assigned.

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§ 29.3002 Air-cured.

Tobacco cured under natural atmospheric conditions. Artificial heat is sometimes used to control excess humidity during the curing period to prevent house-burn and barn-burn in damp weather. Air-cured tobacco should not carry the odor of smoke or fumes resulting from the application of artificial heat.

§ 29.3003 Air-dried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco as customarily prepared for storage under natural atmospheric conditions.

§ 29.3004 Body.

The thickness and density of a leaf or the weight per unit of surface. (See Elements of quality.)

§ 29.3005 Burley, Type 31.

That type of air-cured tobacco, commonly known as Burley, produced principally in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and Missouri.

§ 29.3006 Burley, Type 93.

That type of air-cured tobacco commonly known as Foreign-grown Burley, produced in countries other than the United States.

[49 FR 16757, Apr. 20, 1984]

§ 29.3007 Buff color (L).

A light yellow slightly shaded toward red.

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§ 29.3008 Class.

A major division of tobacco based on method of cure or principal usage.

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§ 29.3009 Clean.

Tobacco is described as clean when it contains only a normal amount of sand or soil particles. Leaves grown on the lower portion of the stalk normally contain more dirt or sand than those